Opening of Electronic Telephone Exchange at Chengannur

722. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Construction of the building for Telephone Exchange at Chengannur is likely to be started;

(b) what is the estimated cost of the Budget; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed and electronic Exchange opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Construction of the telephone exchange building at Chengannur is likely to be started in early 1990-91.

(b) The estimated cost of the entire exchange project for Chengannur including building eqipment, cable etc. is approximately Rs. 486 lakhs.

(c) The electronic exchange of 2500 lines is planned to be commissioned at Chengannur in Eighth Five Year Plan.

Transfer of telephone connection in Delhi

723. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a telephone connection in Delhi is transferable from one party to another;

(b) if so, the details of the rules and the charges therefor;

(c) whether transfer of a telephone connection from one exchange to another is affected on priority over new telephone connection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Telephone sanctioned under 'OYT-General' and 'Non-OYT- General' categories only is permitted for transfer to third partics, if the telephone has worked for at least one year. A non-refundable transfor fee of Rs. 500/will be charged alongwith an amount equal to the amount of 'OYT' deposit at that station. The said connection will be treated as a fresh OYT connection from the date the transfer is effected.

(c) and (d) Shift of a telephone from one telephone exchange to another gets priority over provision of new telephone connections. Inter exchange shift is permitted if the telephone has worked for 3 years or the registration date of initial application for the telephone connect tion required to be shifted falls within the release period of concerned category pertaining to the exchange to which it is required to be shifted.

Frozen telephone exchange in Delhi

724. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of telephone exchanges in Delhi at present declared frozen and since when in each case ;